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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2006, the shortened statutory for  
which expires on January 16, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the application be amended  
as follows:

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